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    IN RE:
                                       UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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                                     | DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
                                     | CHAPTER 13
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                                     | CASE NO.: 19-15753 (CMG)
       ALLEN MIDDLETON,
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       DEBTOR(S).
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# <u>DEBTOR'S CERTIFICATION RELATING</u> TO TRUSTEE'S CONFIRMATION OBJECTION

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## ALLEN MIDDLETON, OF FULL AGE, HEREBY CERTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. I am the Debtor and I am filing this Certification in pertaining to the Trustee's Confirmation Objection.
- 2. The Trustee had taken issue with items in the means test. Now that the means test portion of the petition has been amended, to reflect the proper income, I believe this would principally address the Trustee's objection as it pertains to the median income.
- 3. The reason for the issue pertains to my income. I am paid on a bi-weekly basis, every two weeks. There is no overtime, I am a salaried employee and my salary is \$70,000 per year. The regular pay that I receive is \$2,691.31, every two weeks. When multiplied by 2.16, that amounts to \$5,813.23, on a monthly basis, and yearly it is \$69,758.76, which is just shy of my annual salary. So figuring this pay every two weeks is the proper way to determine my monthly income.

4. The means test has now been amended to properly reflect what I earn on a monthly basis.

- 5. The reason for the discrepancy has to do with reimbursement for actual expenses that I incur pertaining to employment.
- 6. I am employed with SDI Industries as a facilities manager. As part of employment, I travel regularly to sites across the country. I pay for expenses when I travel such as lodging, food and airfare and then my employer, upon submission of the receipts and expense vouchers, reimburses me for the expenses.
- 7. The expenses are denoted under deductions on my pay advices and labeled as perdiem, but as the pay advise shows, these sums are actually added in. I am not certain of the reason for that, but if they are added in they have to be deducted since they represent not income but an actual real expense in connection with employment, for which the employer reimburses me.
- 8. When my attorneys computed the median income and I supplied pay advices, it appears that the year to date gross figure was used. That was proper, but, if the median income was computed in that manner, there should have been an equivalent deduction for all of the expenses to date. This is not readily apparent but was scheduled as a footnote in Schedule I of the petition as follows: "I get occasional per diem income on my checks when I travel which merely covers my travel related expenses".
- 9. The better way of computing the median income is multiplying the gross figure by 2.16 as noted above and the same with the check deductions.
- 10. I believe that the Trustee similarly, premised on the pay advises provided and the petition, made this mistake of including

the reimbursement of expenses, as income.

- 11. So the net monthly income is \$3,892.06, nearly matches the petition which shows a net monthly income of \$3,801.74. The difference in the figures is small and pertains to insurance obligations being taken out and varying tax amounts and I note that the gross scheduled figure is exactly the same as on the pay advices.
- 12. I've attached, for review by the Court and the Trustee, two pay advices. One of the pay advices contains 'Perdiem' in the deduction section which is preceded by a minus sign but upon further review it is actually added in versus the deductions which are actually subtracted from the gross pay. The Perdiem represents actual expenses I have incurred during company travel for which I am reimbursed dollar for dollar upon presentation of the charges to the company through and expense log.
- match closely those on the petition filed with the Court. The expenses claimed are more than reasonable and all income including tax refunds are included on the petition, as it relates to the income and expense schedules of the petition. In terms of the B-22 calculations, now that the expenses are not included as income, the end result is a negative \$1,065 and even accounting for the issues raised by the Trustee, at the end, there will still be a negative and hence there is no set amount to pay under the plan. In addition, as my attorney noted, resort to the budget is necessary here in that the B-22 is directly at odds with current income and expenses and case-law then directs us to look, more sensibly, at current income and expenses.

1	14. For these reasons and the reasons already mentioned in the
2	response to the Trustee's Confirmation Objection filed by my
3	attorney, the Court should confirm this case.
4	15. I certify that information is true and correct to the best
5	of my knowledge.
6	Dated: October 20, 2019
7	/s/ ALAN MIDDLETON Allan Middleton
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SDI INDUSTRIES INC 13000 PIERCE ST PACOIMA, CA 91331

Direct Deposit Advice

**Check Date** September 27, 2019 Voucher Number

DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHER

Direct Deposits Type	Account	Amount
Pnc Bank, NewC Jersev	***4	1,992.25
Total Direct Deposits	WWW. POLICE	1,992.25



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SDI INDUSTRIES INC									
Allen Middleton							Earning	Earnings Statement	
Employee ID		Fed	Taxable Incom	ie	2,394.29 C	neck Date September 27, 2019	Voucher Number	4220	
Location			Filing Status			niod Beginning September 9, 2019	Net Pay	1,992.25	
Salary	Salary \$2,692.31 State Filing Status			S-1 Pe	riod Ending September 22, 2019				
Formings	Rate	**							
Earnings 401K MAT	Rate	Hours	Amount		YTD	Deductions	Amount	YTD	
Basic Life		0.00	20.19		403.80	401K	80.77	1,615.40	
		0.00	5.25		47.25	401K LOAN	26.69	533.80	
Employer C		0.00	197.50		3,495.00	AFLAC ACCIDENT	14.28	285.60	
REGULAR	OLIDAY			1,665.70		AFLAC CANCER	31.44	628.80	
	26.40	78.00	2,058.83		44,864.74	AFLAC HOSPITAL	15.36	307.20	
SICK VACATIO	26.40	24.00	coo 10		1,279.17 ANTHEM MEDICAL		102.90	1,813.38	
	26.40	24.00	633,48		6,036.59 DENTAL INS		49.21	438.60	
Gross Earnings		102.00	2,692.31		53,846.20	PERDIEM	-225.00	-3,510.00	
Taxes					1 (mm)	VISION	4.06	73.08	
FITW				Amount	YTD	VOL LIFE	17.55	315.90	
MED				299.76	6,170.87	Deductions	117.26	2,501.76	
NJ				35.89	729.35				
NJFLI-E				93.69	1,873.80	Direct Deposits Type	Account	Amount	
NJSDI-E				0.00	27.74	Pnc Bank, New C	***4509	1,992.25	
NJSUI-E				0.00	58.52	Jersey			
NJWD-E			0.00	131.60	Total Direct Deposits		1,992.25		
NJWD-ES				0.00	9.03	Time Off Used Availabl U	I 10		
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				153,46	3,118.57	SICK 40.00 0.00			
Taxes				582.80	12,125.49	VACATIO 160.00 37.95			

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SDI INDUSTRIES INC 13000 PIERCE ST PACOIMA, CA 91331

Direct Deposit Advice

Check Date October 11, 2019



Earnings Statement

DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHER

Allen Middleton

Direct Deposits Type Account Amount Pnc Bank, NewC 1,801.88 Jersey **Total Direct Deposits** 1,801.88

Allen Middleton

1305 N Oak Blvd North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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### SDI INDUSTRIES INC

Employee ID	#Billion	T-1	T					Earnings Statement		
-Location-			Taxable Inc		2,443.50	Check Date	October 11, 2019	Voucher Number	552964	
Salary	Fed Filing Status  52,692:31 State Filing Status			S-1		September 23, 2019	Net Pay	1,801.88		
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Earnings	Rate	Hours	Amount		YTI	Deduction	•	Amount		
401K MAT		0.00	20.19		423.99		3		YTD	
Basic Life					47.25		NT.	80.77	1,696.17	
Employer C		0.00	197.50		3,692.50			26.69	560.49	
HOLIDAY					1,665.70			14.28	299.88	
REGULAR	31.67	77.00	2,438,92		47,303.66			31.44	660.24	
SICK		77100	2,130.72		1,279.17			15.36	322.56	
VACATIO	31.67	8.00	253.39				MEDICAL	102.90	1,916.28	
Gross Earnings		85.00	2,692.31		6,289.98				438.60	
		05.00	2,072.31		56,538.51				-3,510.00	
Taxes				Amount	3.000	VISION		4.06	77.14	
FITW				310.59	YTD	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>		17.55	333.45	
MED					6,481.46		3	293.05	2,794.81	
NJ				36.60	765.95				,	
NJFLI-E				93.69	1,967.49			Account	Amount	
NJSDI-E				0.00	27.74		Vew C	***4509	1,801.88	
NJSUI-E				0.00	58.52				1,001.00	
NJWD-E				0.00	131.60	Total Direc	t Deposits		1,801.88	
				0.00	9.03		-		1,001.00	
NJWD-ES				0.00	6.01	Time Off	Used Availabl	UsedS		
SS				156.50	3,275.07	SICK	40.00 0.00			
Taxes				500.00		****				

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